

Appl. No. 09/424,482
Amtd. dated September 16, 2003
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
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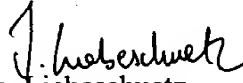
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A minor typographic error has been corrected in claim 1. Claim 26 has been amended for correct antecedent basis. Claims 27 and 27 have been amended to delete a term rejected as allegedly indefinite under 35 USC 112, second paragraph in the final office action. These amendments are offered to simplify issues for appeal. No new matter is involved. Other issues in the final office action are addressed in the accompanying appeal brief.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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